

In the Specification

At page 1, lines 11 - 14, delete the first paragraph after the title of the invention in its entirety and replace with :

-- This application is a continuation of application serial no. 08/801,795 filed Feb. 14, 1997, issued as U.S. Patent 5,855,578, which in turn was a continuation of application serial no. 08/485,821, filed June 6, 1995, now abandoned, and which in its turn was a continuation-in-part application of application serial no. 07/492,717, filed March 13, 1990, issued as U.S. Patent 5,122,136. --

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows.

- 1 **25. (once amended)** An apparatus for use in combination with a  
2 microcatheter to form an occlusion within a cavity, said wire comprising:  
3 a core wire; and  
4 a detachable elongate tip portion coupled to a distal portion of said core  
5 wire, said tip portion extending said core wire for a predetermined lineal extent  
6 and being adapted to be positioned, in use, in a cavity to form an occlusion in  
7 said cavity, so that occlusion of said cavity can be performed; said elongate tip  
8 portion being detachable from said core wire without necessarily displacing said  
9 distal tip or said wire during detachment or applying any force by said distal tip to